

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, )  
MISSION OF RIVERSIDE, et al., )  
 )  
Plaintiffs, )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
BENT CORYDON, et al., )  
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Defendants. )  
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 )  
AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS. )  
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No. 154129

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DEPOSITION OF BENT CORYDON, taken by the  
Plaintiffs, Cross-Defendants and Cross-Complainants on  
Tuesday, March 12, 1985, at 10:30 a.m., at 617 South  
Olive Street, Suite 110, Los Angeles, California 90014,  
before Sheila Atkinson-Baker, CSR #6037, notary public  
for the State of California, pursuant to Notice.

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1 I had hoped that was no longer the situation. However, it  
2 was becoming clear that whoever had taken their place was  
3 no more rational than they.

4 Q Is it safe to say that you didn't protest these  
5 expulsions?

6 | A Oh, I protested them but officially no.

7 Q How did you protest them unofficially?

8 A A few confidants, my wife. I was very gingerly  
9 discussing that subject. It was a very dangerous subject  
10 to discuss.

11 Q Can I assume that there were no public protests on  
12 your part to the expulsions?

13 A You can take as evidence of that that I still remained  
14 in the mission. Had I publicly protested I would not have  
15 been in the mission.

16 Q So the answer is you didn't publicly protest.

17 A That is correct.

18 Q Turning to paragraph 9 of your declaration you  
19 indicate that after you returned to the mission following  
20 the mission-holders' meeting you and Mark Lutovsky went to  
21 the Los Angeles Courthouse to view the court file on  
22 pending litigation between the Church of Scientology of  
23 California and Gerald Armstrong. Do you recall when it was  
24 you went to the Los Angeles County Courthouse?

28 A I believe it was after the Finance Police had left.

1 Q How long after you returned from the conference did  
2 the Finance Police come approximately?

3 A Two to three weeks.

4 Q So it would have been at least two to three weeks  
5 after your return from the conference that you went to the  
6 Los Angeles County Courthouse?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q Before going to the County Courthouse did you know  
9 that there was pending litigation with the Church of  
10 Scientology of California and Gerald Armstrong?

11 A I don't recall.

12 Q How is it you happened to go to the Los Angeles County  
13 Courthouse to view court files as opposed to the Riverside  
14 County Courthouse or the San Bernardino County Courthouse?

15 A We weren't just randomly picking trips to courthouses.

16 Q You were not?

17 A No.

18 Q What led you to the L.A. County Courthouse?

19 A Someone from the Guardian's Office -- I believe there  
20 was still a Guardian's Office then -- called and requested  
21 papers, the latest documents on the L. Ron Hubbard, Jr.  
22 case, which was pending at the time.

23 Q Someone from the Guardian's Office asked those papers  
24 from whom?

25 A From us. They asked for us to copy them to save them

1 a trip down to Riverside. They asked for us to go copy them  
2 and bring them to them.

3 Q You did that?

4 A I didn't personally, but someone did, and I can't  
5 remember who it was, but they told me that there was some  
6 rather shocking things in there.

7 Q How long after your return from the conference was it  
8 that you sent someone out to the Riverside Courthouse to  
9 copy the DeWolfe documents?

10 A I don't recall but it was after the Finance Police  
11 left.

12 Q So it would have been also two to three weeks after  
13 your return from the conference?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q Was there something in the papers that was copied from  
16 the Riverside Courthouse that made reference to the Gerald  
17 Armstrong litigation?

18 A That is correct.

19 Q Is it safe to say that your trip to the Los Angeles  
20 County Courthouse occurred after the end of October,  
21 assuming the conference was the 17th.

22 A It is pretty safe to say that, yes.

23 Q After your return from the convention and before the  
24 Finance Police arrived two or three weeks later, is there  
25 any other action that you took at the mission which was



1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 ) ss.  
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

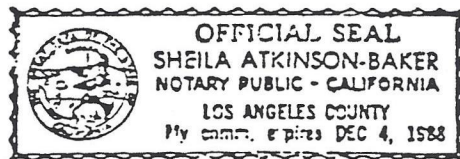
4 I, SHEILA ATKINSON-BAKER, CSR No. 6037,  
5 a notary public in and for the State of California, do hereby  
6 certify:

7 That prior to being examined, the witness named in the  
8 foregoing deposition, BENT CORYDON,  
9 was by me duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth,  
10 and nothing but the truth;

11 That said deposition was taken before me at the time  
12 and place therein set forth and was taken down by me in  
13 shorthand and thereafter transcribed into typewriting under  
14 my direction and supervision; and I hereby certify the fore-  
15 going deposition is a full, true, and correct transcript  
16 of my shorthand notes so taken.

17 I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor  
18 related to any party to said action nor in any way interested  
19 in the outcome thereof.

20 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name.  
21 and affixed my official seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
22 1985.



Sheila Atkinson-Baker  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
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